

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 to 3. (cancel)

Claim 4. (currently amended) A method of skin care beautification for a human[[,]] which comprises orally administering a skin care agent comprising chitinoligosaccharide and natural[[-type]] N-acetylglucosamine obtainable by hydrolysis of chitin with an acid, an enzyme, or an acid and an enzyme, wherein the chitinoligosaccharide is contained in an amount of from 0.1 to 99.9 % by weight of the total weight of the skin care agent and the natural[[-type]] N-acetylglucosamine is contained in an amount of from 0.1 to 99.9 % by weight of the total amount of the skin care agent.

Claim 5. (currently amended) A method of skin ~~care~~
beautification for a human[[,]] which comprises orally
administering a skin care agent comprising a collagen peptide and
~~natural[[-type]] N-acetylglucosamine obtainable by hydrolysis of~~
~~chitin with an acid, an enzyme, or an acid and an enzyme,~~ wherein
the collagen peptide is contained in an amount of from 0.1 to
99.9 % by weight of the total weight of the skin care agent and
the ~~natural[[-type]] N-acetylglucosamine~~ is contained in an
amount of from 0.1 to 99.9 % by weight of the total weight of the
skin care agent.

Claim 6. (currently amended) The method of skin ~~care~~
beautification according to Claim 5, wherein the collagen peptide
is ~~obtainable obtained~~ by extracting collagen from skin or ~~its an~~
adjacent portion thereof, or bone or ~~its an~~ adjacent portion
thereof, of fishes fish, followed by enzymolysis and a reverse
osmosis membrane treatment[[,]] and ; said collagen peptide
contains containing at most 1.0 % by weight of free amino acid
and at most 2 ppm of arsenic.

Claim 7. (cancel)

Claim 8. (cancel)

Claim 9. (currently amended) The method of skin ~~care~~ beautification according to Claim [[1]] 4, wherein the skin care agent is administered in the form of tablets, capsules, a powder, granules, a liquid or a paste.

Claim 10. (currently amended) The method of skin ~~care~~ beautification according to Claim 4, wherein the skin care agent further comprises an ingestible carrier.

Claim 11. (currently amended) The method of skin ~~care~~ beautification according to Claim 10, wherein the ingestible carrier is at least one food selected from the group consisting of confectioneries, powdered soups, dairy products, beverages, gum, candies, tabletted confectioneries, chocolate, jelly, cookies, corn potage soup, consomme soup, milk, pudding, yogurt, ice cream, alcohol beverages, vitamin beverages, mineral beverages, coffee beverages and nutrition drinks.

Claim 12. (currently amended) The method of skin care beautification according to Claim 4, wherein the skin care agent is administered in the form of tablets, capsules, a powder, granules, a liquid or a paste.

Claim 13. (currently amended) The method of skin care beautification according to Claim 5, wherein the skin care agent further comprises an ingestible carrier.

Claim 14. (currently amended) The ~~skin care agent~~ method of skin beautification according to Claim 13, wherein the ingestible carrier is at least one food selected from the group consisting of confectioneries, powdered soups, dairy products, beverages, gum, candies, tabletted confectioneries, chocolate, jelly, cookies, corn potage soup, consomme soup, milk, pudding, yogurt, ice cream, alcohol beverages, vitamin beverages, mineral beverages, coffee beverages and nutrition drinks.

Claim 15. (currently amended) The method of skin care beautification according to Claim 5, wherein the skin care agent

is administered in the form of tablets, capsules, a powder, granules, a liquid or a paste.

Claim 16. (new) The method of skin beautification according to Claim 4, wherein the N-acetylglucosamine is contained in an amount of from 1 to 50% by weight of the total weight of the skin care agent.

Claim 17. (new) The method of skin beautification according to Claim 5; wherein the N-acetylglucosamine is contained in an amount of from 1 to 50 % by weight of the total weight of the skin care agent.

Claim 18. (new) The method of skin beautification according to Claim 4, wherein the N-acetylglucosamine is orally administered in an amount of from 0.1 to 15 g per day.

Claim 19. (new) The method of skin beautification according to Claim 5, wherein the N-acetylglucosamine is orally administered in an amount of from 0.1 to 15 g per day.

Claim 20. (new) The method of skin beautification according to Claim 4, wherein the N-acetylglucosamine is obtained by hydrolysis of chitin with an acid, an enzyme or an acid and an enzyme.

Claim 21. (new) The method of skin beautification according to Claim 5, wherein the N-acetylglucosamine is obtained by hydrolysis of chitin with an acid, an enzyme or an acid and an enzyme.

Claim 22. (new) The method of skin beautification according to Claim 4, wherein the method includes improving moisture and tension of the skin, and promoting prevention and amelioration of rough skin and wrinkles.

Claim 23. (new) The method of skin beautification according to Claim 5, wherein the method includes improving moisture and tension of the skin, and promoting prevention and amelioration of rough skin and wrinkles.

Claim 24. (new) The method of skin beautification according to Claim 4, wherein the N-acetylglucosamine is contained in an amount of from 35 to 50% by weight of the total weight of the skin care agent.

Claim 25. (new) The method of skin beautification according to Claim 5, wherein the N-acetylglucosamine is contained in an amount of from 35 to 50 % by weight of the total weight of the skin care agent.